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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Los Angeles – Screen Actors Guild HQ Evacuates After Second Bomb Threat This Week

(U) The Screen Actors Guild offices were given the all-clear following a second bomb threat this week. “We received a telephone threat targeting our Los Angeles and New York national offices,” a SAG spokesperson said in a statement. “We notified law enforcement and evacuated the buildings. The police department investigated and has determined that the threat is not sufficiently credible and we returned to our offices.” Both the East Coast office and West Coast location on Los Angeles’ Wilshire Boulevard were also evacuated Tuesday.

SOURCE: 9 January 2020, [New York Daily News](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) District of Columbia – US-Mexico Border Apprehensions Continue to Decline

(U) Washington – US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) reports that border apprehensions dropped in December 2019 for the seventh month in a row. The US Border Patrol apprehended 32,858 individuals crossing at the Southwest Border between ports of entry during the month of December, CBP said in a statement released yesterday. That number is down from 33,511 in November, and 35,405 in October. Meanwhile, CBP determined that 7,762 individuals were deemed inadmissible after presenting themselves at legal ports of entry along the southern in December. That statistic is a decline from 9,140 in November, and 9,779 in October.

SOURCE: 9 January 2020, [NBC News](#)

#### (U) District of Columbia – Iran Likely Downed Ukrainian Flight after Attack on Iraqi Military Bases

(U) Washington – Pentagon and Iraqi officials claim that a Ukrainian Airlines flight that crashed after leaving Tehran Tuesday night was shot down by an Iranian anti-aircraft missile system, according to multiple reports. Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752, enroute from Tehran to Kyiv, was shot down by an Iranian anti-aircraft missile in what was likely a case of mistaken identity for US military aircraft. All 176 passengers and crew aboard were killed. The incident occurred just hours after Iran launched 15 missiles at Iraqi military bases where US troops are housed, in retaliation for the death of General Qasem Soleimani.

SOURCE: 9 January 2020, [National Review](#)

#### (U) Nevada – Man Accused of Terrorism in El Salvador Arrested

(U) Carson City – Federal marshals have arrested a Salvadoran man in Carson City that they say is in the US illegally and has ties to a terrorist organization in Central America. US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials say Rene Antonio Hernandez-Mejia was arrested on Wednesday. ICE intends to deport him to El Salvador to face criminal charges in his home country. The international police organization, Interpol, issued a notice indicating Hernandez-Mejia was wanted for being part of a terrorist group. Interpol said he was part of the 18 Revolutionary Pandilla, which is a faction of an El Salvadoran gang called Shadow Park Locos.

SOURCE: 9 January 2020, [Associated Press](#)

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**UNCLASSIFIED****(U) New York – Woman Sentenced for Planning Terror Attack**

(U) Brooklyn – Asia Siddiqui was sentenced to 15-years imprisonment by a US Federal Judge for her role in planning to build a bomb for use in a terrorist attack in the US. Siddiqui and her co-defendant, Noelle Velentzas, pleaded guilty on 23 August to a charge of teaching or distributing information pertaining to the making and use of an explosive, destructive device, or weapon of mass destruction in furtherance of a planned federal crime of violence. "With the sentence imposed by the court, Siddiqui has been held accountable for her crimes. Inspired by radical Islam, Siddiqui and her co-defendant researched and taught each other how to construct bombs to be used on American soil against law enforcement and military targets," said Assistant Attorney General for National Security John Demers.

SOURCE: 9 January 2020, [US DoJ](#)

**(U) New York – Hanukkah Stabbing Suspect Indicted on New Hate Crime Charges**

(U) Monsey – A man suspected of stabbing Jewish people with a machete during a Hanukkah party has been indicted on five new charges of targeting victims because of their religious beliefs. On 28 December 2019, a group of Hasidic Jews were gathered in Monsey, New York, at Rabbi Chaim Rottenberg's home to celebrate Hanukkah when Grafton Thomas allegedly forced his way inside and attacked six people with an 18-inch machete. With the five new charges, Thomas faces a total of 10 federal hate crimes. At Thomas' home, investigators recovered journals containing anti-Semitic sentiments, including references to Hitler and "Nazi Culture on the same page as drawings of a Star of David and a Swastika," according to court documents.

SOURCE: 9 January 2020, [ABC News](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Niger – Militants Kill 25 Soldiers**

(U) Niamey – Suspected Islamist militants killed 25 soldiers and wounded six others in an attack on an army post in west Niger near its border with Mali yesterday, the government said. It was not immediately clear who was responsible for the attack on the post at Chinagodrar, about 130-miles north of the capital Niamey. But it coincides with a campaign by Islamist groups connected to al Qa'ida and the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) to force the Nigerien army back from its western frontier with Mali, where government control of the rural center and north has all but evaporated because of the rise of jihadists.

SOURCE: 9 January 2020, [Reuters](#)

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